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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Office of Dispute Settlement
N.J. Department of the Public Defender
Trenton, NJ 1988-Present

Director of nationally recognized state dispute resolution office which mediates complex civil cases for the state and federal courts in New Jersey. Personally served as court-appointed mediator in over 1,000 cases and settled claims in excess of \$1 billion.

Significant cases mediated include:

- *\$500 million environmental insurance coverage dispute between a fortune 500 company and 25 of its insurance carriers;
- *\$100 million federal class action lawsuit involving the proposed demolition of all high-rise public housing in Newark;
- *\$100 million litigation between the state of New Jersey and two fortune 500 companies regarding the construction of a light rail line;
- *\$25 million contract dispute between a major medical center and health care company regarding reimbursement rates charged for medical procedures;
- *\$10 million environmental litigation between a fortune 500 company and multiple state and federal agencies involving the clean-up of a major oil spill in the waters between NJ and NY.

Associate, Dewey Ballantine
New York, NY 1986-88

Associate in litigation department of 250 person law firm. Responsible for all areas of trial preparation in complex civil cases including: drafting motions, conducting depositions, research and writing briefs.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

CPR Legal Program Award for Outstanding Practical Achievement in Alternative Dispute Resolution, 1989

Co-recipient of a national award with U.S. District Court Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise for the successful mediation of a federal class action lawsuit involving the proposed demolition of all high-rise public housing in Newark, NJ.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(Mediation courses)

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
Adjunct Professor, 2011-present

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton, NJ
Visiting Lecturer, 1992

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Confidentiality in Environmental Mediation, 2 N.Y.U. Environmental Law Journal, 210 (1993)

Bench Manual for the Appointment of a Mediator, 136 Federal Rules Decisions, 499 (1991)

MEDIATION TRAININGS CONDUCTED

NJ Superior Court Judges, NJ Administrative Law Judges, NJ Office of the Attorney General, NJ State Police, NJ Federal Court law clerks and attorneys serving on the NJ State Court Mediation Roster.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Third Circuit Judicial Conference, NJ Judicial College, NJ Judicial Orientation Program, Harvard and Columbia Law Schools, NYC Bar Association.

MEMBERSHIPS

Bars: N.J. (1989), N.Y. (1987), MA (1986), D.N.J. (2011)
N.J. Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution (2010-present)
N.J. State Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution (1995-2005)
U.S. District Court Mediation Panels (S.D.N.Y., E.D.N.Y) (1995-2000)
Honorary Master, Justice Garibaldi American Inn of Court on ADR (1998-2000)
Committee on Arbitration and ADR, New York City Bar Association (1987-1990)

Vice Chair, Coordinating Group on ADR, ABA Section on Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law (1985-86)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation, Cambridge, MA
Specialization in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, 1986

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA
J.D., 1986
Honors: Paul J. Liacos Distinguished Scholar

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
A.B., 1982